

Town of Strong
Select Board Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2023

James Burrill called the Select Board's Meeting to order with a flag salute at 6 p.m.

Select Board Members in attendance were James Burrill, Milton Baston, Andrew Bracy, David Catino and Joel Doyon.

Andrew Bracy made a motion to approve the Select Board Minutes from 03/14/2023 and 03/28/2023, seconded by David Catino all voted unanimously.

Milton Baston motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant for the week of 04/12/2023 for \$125,304.47. Joel Doyon seconded; the vote was unanimous.

New Business

Complaints about rats, chickens and trash James Burrill has had complaints; there is not anything the Select Board can do. An ordinance would need to be voted on at a special town meeting. The trash is not the only thing that causes rats. Abandoned home, taxes are paid but they are empty and not kept up. Strong has a public health officer and the state has a sample ordinance to deal with abandoned buildings, we should take a hard look at the options.

Forster Memorial Building renting for benefit, one hundred dollars security deposit and if the building is clean and not damaged, they get the deposit back.

David Catino made a motion to allow Andrew Bracy to spend up to \$400.00 to purchase new rugs for the lobby. Seconded by Joel Doyon, the vote was 4 to 1 motion passed.

Unfinished Business

Fire Protection Contract with Avon; Milton Baston and Duayne Boyd will be meeting with Avon next week to discuss the contract.

Foreclosure properties, there are two properties, Knowlan Ross on the South Strong Road and Hagan property on West Freeman Road. Milton Baston made a motion to sell the properties by sealed bid. Andrew Bracy seconded, all voted in favor. Dates will be set for the start and end of bids at the next meeting.

Public Comment: none

Treasurers Report the Town has a 24-month CD maturing; Franklin Savings is offering 13 months for 3.25% or 7 months for 4.50% made Motion to move forward Maria 13-month Milton Baston seconded all voted in favor. Price increase for TDS starting May.

Clerk Report Please look at the liaison list to make sure everything is entered correctly.

Public Works Been cleaning up the roads.

Select Board Report

Joel Doyon: none

Milton Baston: E911 officer, we need to get one, Bob will do it until the town gets someone else. It was a volunteer position.

Legislative Bulletin article concerning updating the town's road by November 1st.

James Burrill: none

Andrew Bracy: none

David Catino:

Motion to adjourn by Milton Baston

Adjourned 7:10 PM

Respectfully submitted by: *Raylene S Tolman*
Town Clerk